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In re Patent Application of)
Herman VAN MELLAERT et al.) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Application No.: TBA (Div of 09/176,320)) Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: Even date herewith)
For: RECOMBINANT PLANT EXPRESSING NON-COMPETITIVELY BINDING BIT INSECTICIDAL CRYSTAL PROTEINS)))

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited was submitted in Application No. 09/176,320 upon which is based a claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. §120.

The documents are being submitted within 3 months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

The Examiner's attention is directed to copending application number 09/176,320 and the documents cited therein.

In accordance with MPEP § 609(c)(2) (July 1998, page 600-112), the Office is requested to return a copy of this Information Disclosure Statement with the Examiner's initials adjacent to this paragraph indicating that this copending application has been considered. By citation to the copending application, confidentiality is not waived and the Office is requested to maintain the confidentiality of the copending application under 35 U.S.C. § 122.

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To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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